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SUMMARY: INTENSE LOBBYING IS TAKING PLACE IN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE KUWAITI VOTE AT UNGA ON KOREAN ISSUE. WHILE GOK POSITION NOT CLEAR, IT APPEARS KUWAIT STILL IS LEANING TOWARDS SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA ON BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE VOTES. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS GOK TO ABSTAIN. RECOMMEND RENEWED EFFORTS AT USUN WITH GOK PERM REP BISHARA. END SUMMARY

1. OVER PAST TWO WEEKS EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH LOCAL SOUTH KOREAN TRADE COMMISSIONER ON SUBJECT KUWAIT'S VOTES ON KOREAN ISSUES AT UNGA. MATTER ALSO DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADORS OR OTHER REPS OF UK, SAUDI, JAPANESE AND FRENCH EMBASSIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS WELL AS WITH OFFICIALS GOK MINISTTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CURRENT

SITUATION, AS SEEN FROM HERE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A) BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS ARE LOBBY-
ING AGGRESSIVELY, PERHAPS TO POINT OF EXHAUSTING THEIR GOODWILL
WITH KUWAITI OFFICIALS.
- B) SAUDI AMBASSADOR HAS DONE NOTHING, ALLEGING HE STILL IS WITH-
OUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM JIDDA (EMBASSY JIDDA MAY WISH TO MAKE
INQUIRIES OF FOREIGN MINISTRY).
- C) JAPANESE ALSO WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND LAST ARGUED CASE
BEFORE GOK PRIOR TO LIMA NAC MEETING.
- D) FRENCH CURRENTLY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS,
BUT BELIEVE PARIS WILL
RECOMMEND JOINT DEMARCHE BY EC AMBASSADORS PRIOR TO VOTE.
- E) BRITISH SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR UN
AFFAIRS AL-REFAI OCTOBER 13 IN EFFORT TO "SMOKE OUT" KUWAITI
POSITION. BRITISH AMBASSADOR INTENDS SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER PRIOR VOTE, PERHAPS IN ASSOCIATION WITH EC COLLEAGUES.
- F) OUR LATEST APPROACH WAS OCT 12 WHEN I OUTLINED USG VIEWS, AND
STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT TO USG, TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
SALEM. (WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ADVICE FROM USUN RE ANY
DEMARCHES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE TO KUWAITI PERM REP
BISHARA SINCE MEETING WITH ATHERTON SEPTEMBER 30.)

2. ACCORDING TO SOUTH KOREAN TRADE COMMISSION ROH, OMANI
PERM REP HAS TOLD ROK DELEGATION THAT BISHARA GIVES EVERY
INDICATION HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE SUPPORT NORTH KOREA ON BOTH
PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE VOTES. ROH ALSO URGED THAT USG APPLY
PRESSURE ON EGYPTIANS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING AGREEMENT THAT
GOVERNMENT TO ABSTAIN. ACCORDING TO ROH, EGYPTIANS SHOULD BE
WILLING MAKE THIS CONCESSION IN LIGHT RECENT SUPPORT RENDERED
BY USG. (EMBASSY CAIRO MAY WISH TO COMMENT.)

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE WILL CONTINUE DO ALL POSSIBLE HERE IN KUWAIT,
RECOMMEND THAT USUN CONTINUE TO PRESS BISHARA WHO HAS HISTORY
OF ACTING CONTRARY TO ANY LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MIGHT
BE RECEIVED FROM KUWAIT.
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